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HAMAS AGREES TO U.S. PROPOSAL ON GAZA CEASEFIRE, RELEASE OF HOSTAGES

The proposal for a Gaza ceasefire was mooted by US special envoy Steve Witkoff, Reuters reported quoting a Palestinian official close to the group

ISRAEL REJECTS TRUCE PLAN, SAY REPORTS

Under the new proposal, 10 living hostages will be released in two groups and a 70-day ceasefire will be observed. There was no immediate official comment from Israel, but local media reported that Israel has rejected the proposal outright. "The proposal received by Israel cannot be accepted by any responsible government," *Times of Israel* reported quoting an official

'PARTIAL WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAEL FROM GAZA'

- "Hamas is setting impossible conditions and an inability to release the hostages," the official was quoted as saying by *Times of Israel*
- According to reports, the formula proposed by the US includes a partial withdrawal of Israeli forces from the Gaza Strip
- Israel's position is that war will end only when Hamas is eradicated

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PEOPLE WERE REPORTEDLY KILLED IN ISRAELI STRIKES IN GAZA STRIP ON MONDAY

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MUMBAI ON ITS KNEES AFTER EARLY MONSOON ONSET

Pedestrians wade through an inundated road amid rains, in Mumbai, on Monday | PTI

MUMBAI

Acharya Atre Chowk underground metro station inundated due to heavy rainfall on Monday | PTI

KERALA

A rescue official helps residents of Kanjiramattam in Kerala cross a swollen river across a check dam | SHIYAMI

TAMIL NADU

Heavy rains trigger mini landslip at Anbu Anna colony near old Manjanakorai in Nilgiris on Monday | EXPRESS

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE south-west monsoon announced its early arrival in Mumbai on Monday with a bang, throwing normal life out of gear by inundating low areas and disrupting suburban and metro train services. According to the weather department, this is the earliest onset of monsoon in Mumbai in the past 75 years. Officials said the metropolis on Monday experienced the heaviest rainfall in the month of May since 1918, with the Colaba observatory recording rainfall of 295 mm. Apart from Mumbai, heavy rains were reported in Thane, Raigad, Ratnagiri, Sindhudurg, Pune, and Nasik districts. Early arrival of the monsoon also disrupted farmers' harvesting activities.

The weather department has predicted more rain in Mumbai over the next 24 hours, accompanied by thunderstorms and strong winds. Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis directed officials to remain on high alert. Municipal authorities, the fire brigade, police, and other emergency services are on standby, while five NDRF teams have been stationed across the city for any emergency response, the CM's office said.

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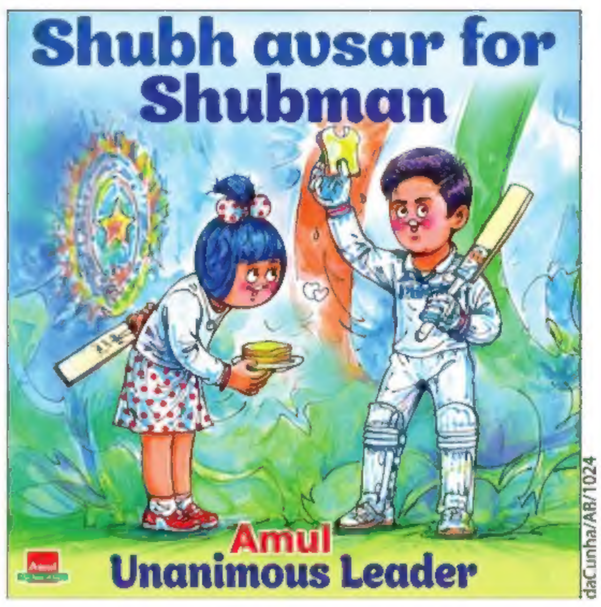
RECORD MAY RAIN IN BENGALURU: P2



'Chargesheet' campaign: Siddu govt to sue BJP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE ruling Congress in Karnataka has decided to file a defamation case against the BJP for its "chargesheet" campaign. In the meantime, the BJP termed the government's decision as the start of another Emergency in the state. The defamation case will be filed before Bengaluru's 42nd Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court against the BJP, which released the "chargesheet" on May 20 when the government completed two years of governance. During its campaign, the BJP alleged that the Congress government has failed on all fronts. The government termed the BJP's campaign a false propaganda and decided to move the court against it.

The government has appointed Kumata Prakash, deputy secretary (Department of Home - Law and Order), to coordinate with various departments to elicit information to help government prosecutors file the case. It has also appointed government prosecutors BS Patil and Shailaja Nayak to handle the legal proceedings. According to a notification issued by Prakash, the government has authorised the secretary, Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms, to file a complaint first.

Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R Ashoka and other BJP leaders had released the "chargesheet" against the government. A 'bankruptcy model of Karnataka' award should be given to CM Siddaramaiah for his government's achievements in the last two years, Ashoka had said.

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BOAT MISHAP

Close shave for Sourav Ganguly's bro, sister-in-law

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bhubaneswar

FORMER BCCI president Sourav Ganguly's brother Snehashish and his wife Arpita had a narrow escape when their speedboat overturned, throwing the couple into the sea off Puri beach on Saturday evening.

The couple was enjoying water sports when their boat was hit by a huge tide and overturned. The incident took place near the light house, over 20 metres inside the sea around 6 pm. Videos of the capsized speedboat that went viral showed lifeguards rushing to rescue the tourists using rubber tubes.

Sources said the boat had a carrying capacity of 10 but the operators apparently allowed only 3-4 on board. It was also the last boat to go into the sea for the day.

Arpita alleged the boat overturned as it had less passengers and the sea was rough. "I have decided to write to Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi and the Puri SP requesting them to stop water sports as Puri has very rough sea," she told PTI. She added the timely intervention of the lifeguards saved their lives.

"We are verifying whether the operator has licence, was working legally and by following due procedures or not. Further action will be taken accordingly," said Puri SP, Vinit Agrawal.

WAITED FOR 15 DAYS AFTER PAHALGAM TO SEE IF PAK ACTS ON TERROR: PM

'India's fight is with cross-border terror, its support structures, not Pak masses'

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA
@ Ahmedabad

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Monday revealed he waited 15 days after the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, hoping Pakistan will go after the assailants. "But it seems it (terrorism) is their bread and butter," he remarked.

Modi said India's fight is with cross-border terrorism and those who fuel and fund it, and not with the Pakistani masses. He slammed Pakistan's rulers for turning terrorism into a money spinner, contrasting India's rise as the world's fourth-largest economy with Pakistan's downfall.

Calling out the army's terror links, Modi warned of dark days ahead for Pakistan if its youth don't break free from this path. His remarks came while launching development projects worth ₹53,400 crore, highlighting India's growth amid regional threats.

"India's fight is against terror from across the border, not against the people of Pakistan," he said while addressing a public rally at Bhuj.

"I want to ask the people of Pakistan—what have you gained? Today, India is the world's fourth-largest economy. Where are you? Who destroyed the future of your children? Who forced you to wander from place to place?" Modi asked. He accused the Pakistani establishment of exploiting terrorism for profit. "The masterminds of terrorism and the people of Pakistan must listen—your government and army are promoting terrorism. For them, terrorism has become a source of income," the PM said.

Calling on Pakistan's citizens to reflect on their nation's path, he stated, "You must now decide—does this path benefit you? Will the power games your leaders are playing help your children's future?" Modi also issued a stern warning: "To rid Pakistan of terrorism, its people and youth must rise. Choose a life of peace and prosperity—or else face Modi's bullet."

Family members of Col Sofiya Qureshi shower petals on PM Modi in Vadodara | PTI

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar briefs a parliamentary panel, in New Delhi on Monday | PTI

Jaishankar clears the air, says Islamabad told 30 mins after op

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

EXTERNAL Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Monday firmly denied allegations that India had warned Pakistan ahead of Operation Sindoor, asserting that the Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) informed Islamabad only after the air strikes on terrorist camps were completed.

In a briefing to a parliamentary panel, Jaishankar clarified the timeline: Pakistan was notified about the strikes on terror camps in the early hours of May 7 — roughly 30 minutes after the operation concluded, he said.

The remarks came in response to repeated allegations by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, who accused Jaishankar of tipping off Pakistan prior to the strike. The government had earlier dismissed the claim as "misrepresentation of facts". "The Foreign Secretary was briefed on the 1.30 am operation, which was followed by a Press Information Bureau statement. Thereafter, the DGMO told his counterpart in Pakistan about the operation," Jaishankar said.

EXPRESS READ

Collegium recommends Bakhru as K'taka HC CJ

Bengaluru: The SC collegium recommended the elevation of Chief Justice of Karnataka HC NV Anjaria as judge of the apex court. It also recommended the elevation of Delhi HC Judge Justice Vibhu Bakhru as Chief Justice of K'taka HC.

Prez nod for CCP, hope of swifter justice

Benglauru: The President has given assent to the Code of Civil Procedure (Karnataka Amendment) Bill, 2024. With this, cases in courts need to be disposed in a fixed time-frame **P4**

Girl dies after falling off bike during traffic police check

BK LAKSHMIKANTHA
@ Mandya

A three-year-old girl died after falling off a two-wheeler and being run over by a truck on the Mysuru-Bengaluru highway in Mandya on Monday after the traffic police allegedly stopped the bike as the riders were not wearing helmets.

A large number of people protested at the spot, blaming the traffic police for the accident, following which three Assistant Sub-Inspectors were suspended. The victim Hrithiksha was the only daughter of Vanishree and Ashok and hailed from Goravanahalli village in Maddur taluk. Earlier in the day, the girl was bitten by a stray dog while playing near her home. Vanishree and her brother-in-law Baskar Gowda took the girl to the Maddur government hospital. The doctors there gave her first aid and then referred her to MIMS Hospital in Mandya owing to the unavailability of the required anti-rabies vaccine at Maddur.

At around 10:30 am, the bike carrying Hrithiksha, her mother, and uncle was stopped by traffic police near Swarnasandra for riding without helmets. After Vanishree explained the medical urgency, the police allowed them to proceed. But just a few metres away, another traffic policeman attempted to stop them again. In the confusion, Gowda lost control of the bike. While he fell to the left, Vanishree and Hrithiksha fell to the right, directly in the path of an oncoming truck. The truck ran over the child, resulting in fatal head injuries.

The incident sparked public outrage. Grieving family members, relatives, and members of the public gathered outside MIMS Hospital and staged a protest on the highway by placing the child's body on the road. They demanded immediate action against the police personnel involved, accusing them of negligence.

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Family of the 3-year-old victim protest in Mandya on Monday

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